



South Pasadena Police Department **2020 - 2021 BIENNIAL REPORT**



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About South Pasadena

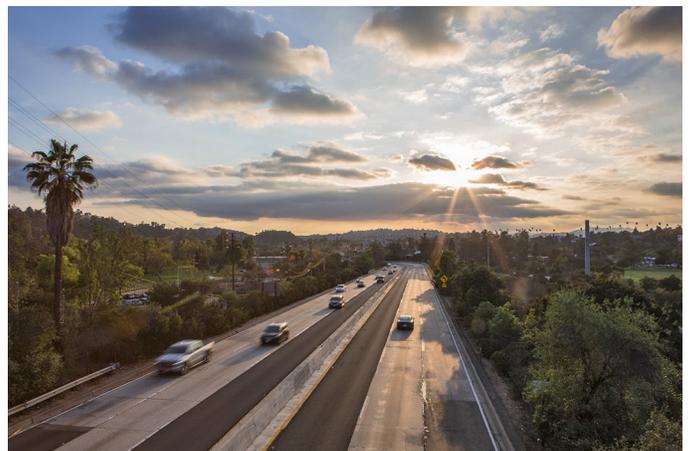
In 1888, the City of South Pasadena was the seventh city in Los Angeles County to be incorporated into the county. South Pasadena is one of the oldest cities in the Los Angeles area.

Often called the “City of Trees” because of its many oak tree lined streets, South Pasadena is located on the west side of the San Gabriel Valley and is approximately 3.44 square miles. The City has a diverse population of about 26,000 residents.

For over 132 years, South Pasadena continues to be a desirable city to live in. Its unique small town atmosphere with elegant craftsman style homes, distinguished schools and small “mom and pop” operated businesses make South Pasadena like no other. In 2014, Sunset Magazine readers voted South Pasadena as one of the best suburbs to live in the West.

Adding to its historical attachments and individuality, South Pasadena is one of the oldest cities to continue to build its own float for the annual Rose Parade.

Its distinct community of homes and businesses easily resemble various cities across the United States and are often used as filming locations. Movies such as “Back to the Future”, “Little Giants”, “Terminator”, “Jurassic Park”, “Flags of Our Father”, “Pee Wee’s Big Adventure”, “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” and “Halloween” were filmed in South Pasadena.



Chief's Message



Brian Solinsky
Chief of Police



After 28 years of service with the City of South Pasadena, I am truly honored and humbled to serve as the Chief of Police. It is my distinct pleasure to share with you the 2020 - 2021 Police Department Biennial Report.

It is of the utmost importance for public service entities to be accountable to the communities they serve. This report provides detailed information regarding the work accomplished by the various units within the Department. Its purpose is to illustrate and highlight the achievements, effectiveness, and efficiency in delivering our services. This report serves as a historical document helping to chart the path forward by documenting our past as we continuously move forward towards a better future. It is a valuable tool to highlight our progress and promote the mission and vision of the Police Department.

The South Pasadena Police Department's mission is to deliver public safety services to our community with the utmost professionalism and integrity. Our vision is to be a community leader by providing exceptional policing services that embody the spirit of community partnerships through responsiveness, accessibility, and transparency in resolving community concerns.

The year brought us many challenges and opportunities as an organization. There is a great deal of learning, change, and innovation occurring throughout the Department. I am excited to see the positive impacts which will take place in the years to come.

Throughout the varied and intense demands, I also want to recognize the hard-working men and women of the Police Department for their unwavering dedication and loyalty to South Pasadena.

To our community, "thank you" for taking the time to become informed and for reading this compelling report on your Police Department.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Solinsky". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brian Solinsky
Chief of Police

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SOUTH PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the South Pasadena Police Department is to provide our community with the safest possible environment using interactive crime prevention methods, public education programs, and the equitable and professional application of the law.

CORE VALUES

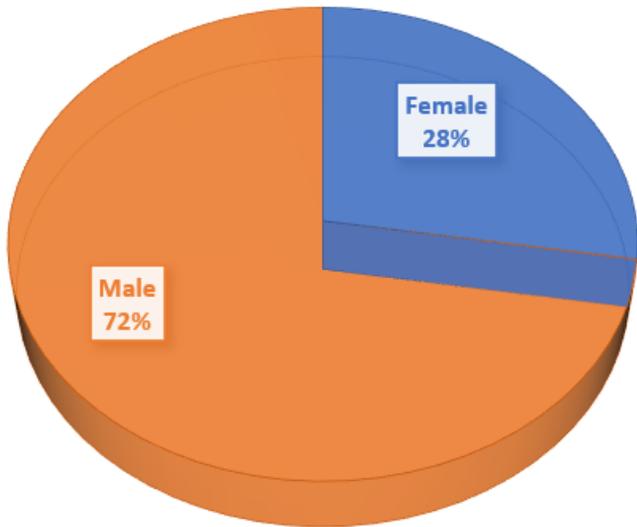
Integrity - Police Officers are entrusted with lives and property. They are exposed to situations where, if lacking a high level of integrity, they can take advantage of that trust. The community must have confidence that their officers have the highest level of ethics and morals. Personal integrity is fundamental in the prevention of corruption. Police Officers have a solemn obligation to be honest and trustworthy, accurately document probable cause and the circumstances of an arrest in reports and during courtroom testimony, report ethical violations when committed by others, and serve as role model for the public.

Quality of Service - The residents and business owners of South Pasadena have high expectations of the quality of service provided by the South Pasadena Police Department. Historically, the Department has provided an exemplary level of service. When handling any type of call for service, criminal or traffic investigation, officers should always provide a level of service they would want their family to receive. They should be guided by what is the right thing to do to solve the problem that resulted in their response.

Respect for People - Police officers must treat all people with as much respect and dignity as the situation allows. Even in a confrontational, adversarial encounter, officers must remain professional and respectful. Respect towards others breeds respect in return. And, respect towards others must begin between co-workers. If employees are not respectful towards each other, they will not be respectful towards the public. All employees must treat each other with respect and recognize that the diversity each employee brings to the South Pasadena Police Department helps to make the Department able to police the diverse community we serve.

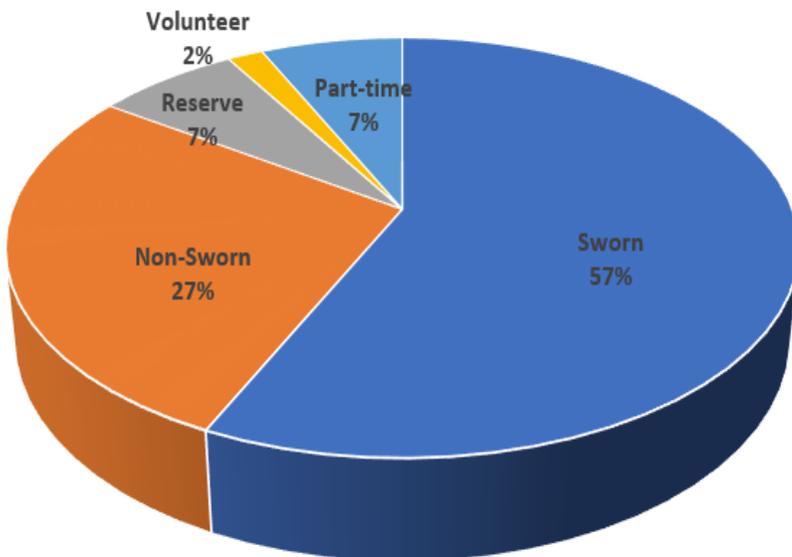
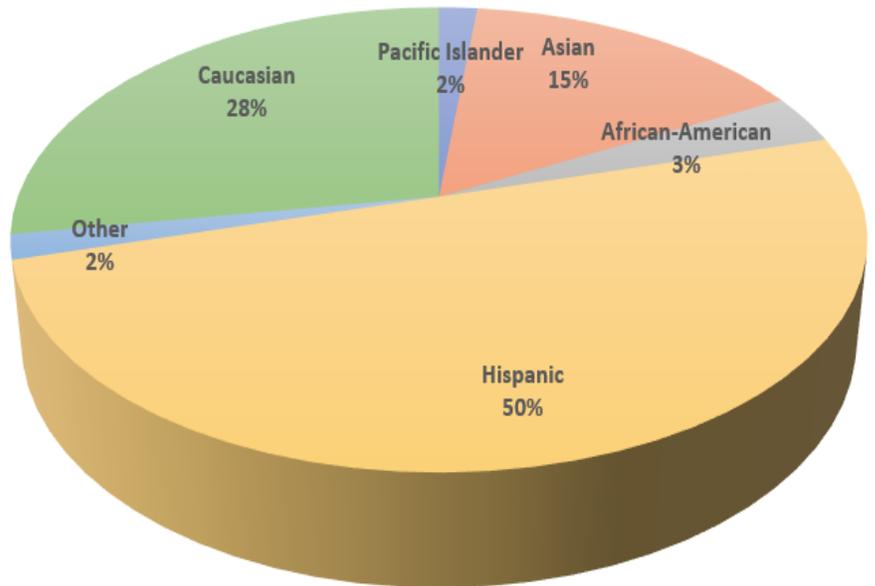
Work Ethic - The employees of the South Pasadena Police Department are government employees and public servants. The South Pasadena Police Department runs a tight ship, and is committed as a team supporting each other to accomplish the goals and objectives of the organization. This requires a firm commitment from each and every employee.

Department Diversity



The make-up of the South Pasadena Police Department is just as exceptionally diverse as the City's population. The Department is composed of both male and female employees from various ethnic backgrounds.

The Police Department's ethnic makeup is incredibly diverse, with approximately 70% of our employees coming from a variety of ethnic backgrounds.



Sworn personnel make up the largest demographic of employees. These individuals are the most visible and consist of patrol officers, traffic officers, and detectives.



LEADERSHIP HISTORY

The following is a list of City Marshals and Police Chiefs that have led the South Pasadena Police Department since established in 1888.

When South Pasadena incorporated in 1888, City Marshals provided law enforcement services to the community. In 1926, state legislation changed the title of City Marshal to Chief of Police

Amman Cobb

March 1888 to June 1888

Martin B. Selman

June 1888 to February 1889

E. Peters

February 1889 to April 1894

Isaac Peel

April 1894 to October 1895

George Wilson

October 1895 to April 1896

M.B. Reid

April 1896 to July 1907

William H. Johnston

July 1907 to April 1916

Frank Higgins

April 1916 to April 1942

Everett Setzer

October 1942 to October 1950

Robert Blakely

October 1950 to October 1952

Clifton Brown

December 1952 to June 1960

Melvin Viney

October 1960 to August 1976

Gary Brown

August 1976 to May 1977

Samuel Buntyn

June 1977 to December 1985

William Reese

December 1985 to December 1990

Thomas Mahoney

February 1991 to April 1997

Michael Berkow

July 1997 to July 2001

Daniel Watson

January 2002 to July 2010

Joseph Payne

September 2010 to February 2013

Arthur Miller

February 2013 to 2018

Joe Ortiz

April 2019 to November 2020

Brian Solinsky

May 2021 to Current

South Pasadena, circa 1890

South Pasadena Police Department **COMMAND STAFF**



Brian Solinsky
Chief of Police



Shannon Robledo
Lieutenant
Field Services



Tom Jacobs
Lieutenant
Support Services



Tony Abdalla
Detective Sergeant



Robert Bartl
Patrol Sergeant



Jim Valencia
Patrol Sergeant



Matt Ronnie
Patrol Sergeant



Spencer Louie
Patrol Sergeant

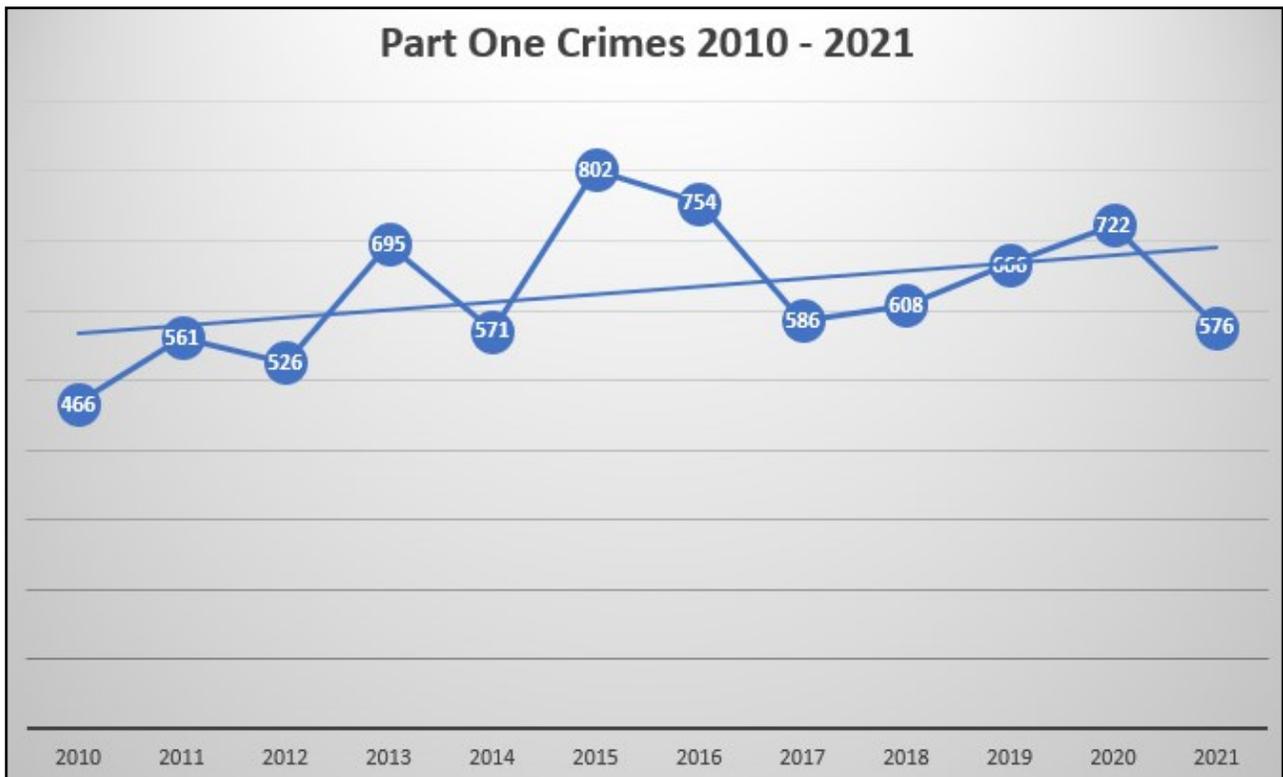
2020 - 2021 Crime Statistics

PART ONE CRIMES

Crime	2020	2021	2020-2021 % Change
Homicide	1	0	-100%
Rape	4	2	-50%
Robbery	17	10	-41%
Assault	66	63	-5%
Burglary	-	-	-
<i>Residential</i>	44	42	-4.5%
<i>Commercial</i>	65	43	-33.8%
Larceny-Theft	429	349	-19%
Stolen Vehicles	92	65	-29%
Arson	4	2	-50%
Total	722	576	-20.2%

CRIME CLEARANCE

2020	2021	2020-2021 % Change
17%	10%	-41%



2020 - 2021 Crime Statistics

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Traffic Collisions	2020	2021	2020-2021 % Change
Injury	67	91	36%
Injury hit and run	2	2	0%
Non-Injury	217	228	5%
Non-Injury hit and run	65	63	-3%
Fatal	1	0	-100%
Total	352	384	9%



CITATIONS

Citations	2020	2021	2020-2021 % Change
Citations (moving)	1,692	2,556	51%
Parking	4,390	4,687	7%
Others	397	430	8%
Total	6,479	7,673	18%

MOVING CITATIONS

Type of Violation	2020	2021	2020-2021 % Change
Cell phone/Texting	507	906	79%
Speeding	305	408	34%
Stop Sign Violation	226	510	126%



2020 - 2021 Crime Statistics

ARRESTS

Arrests	2020	2021	2020-2021 % Change
Adult	509	397	-22%

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

	2020	2021	2020-2021 % Change
Calls for Service Dispatched	26,858	27,339	2%
Total Calls for Service	55,017	54,312	-1%

TOTAL 9-1-1 CALLS

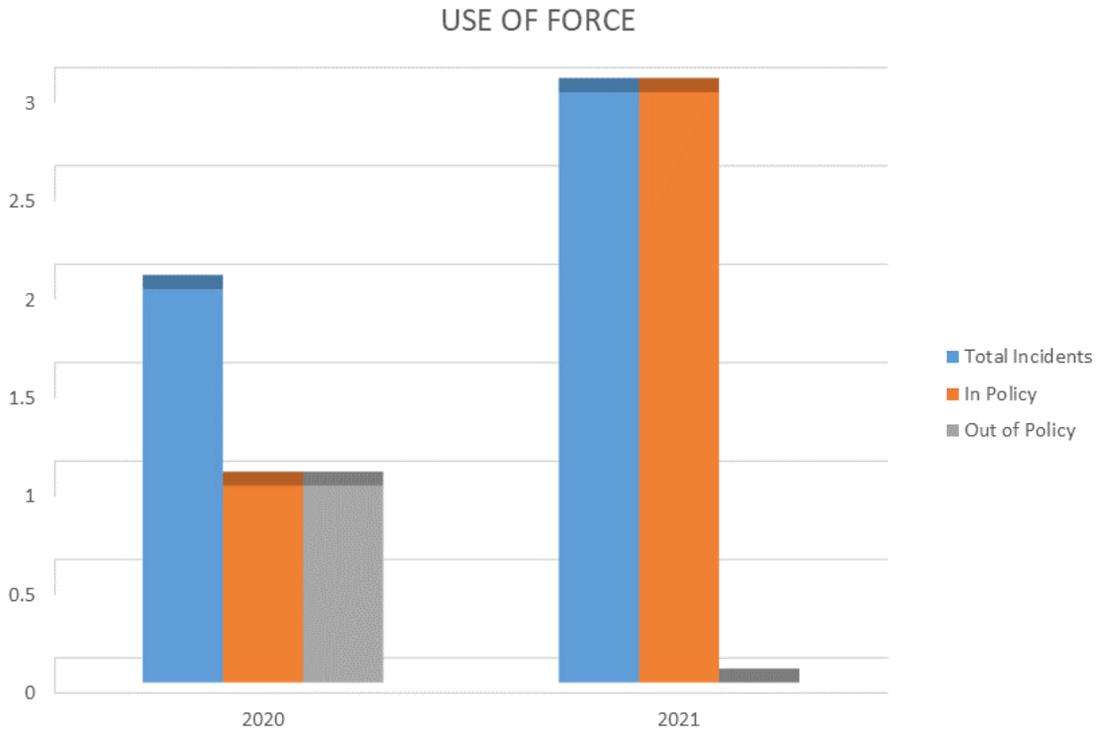
	2020	2021	2020-2021 % Change
9-1-1 Calls	6,168	5,909	-4%



Use of Force

Use of Force Reporting & Analysis

The following is a comparison of use of force (UOF) incidents for the past two calendar years. Total UOF comparing 2020 to 2021:

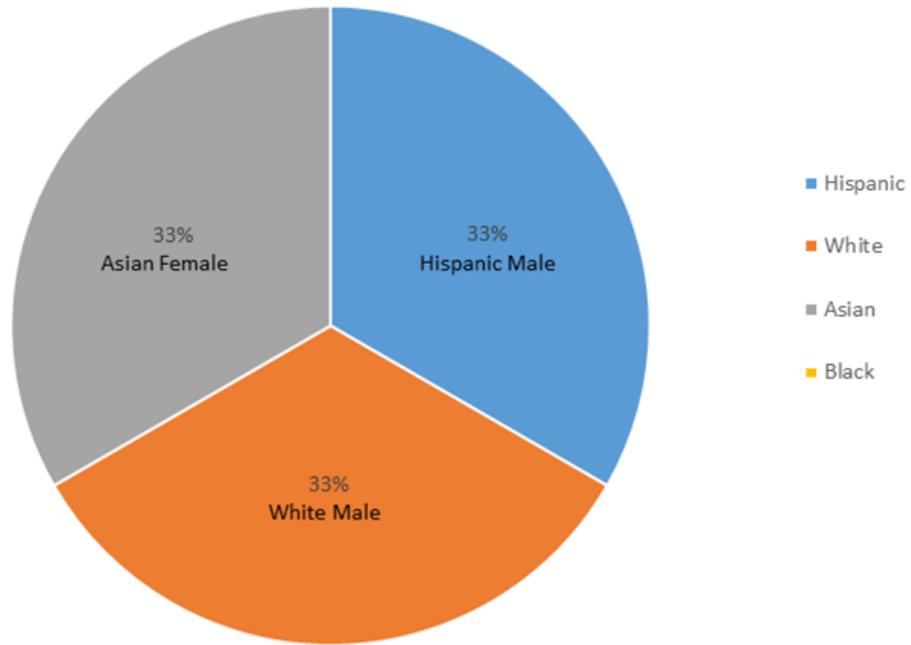


USE OF FORCE	2020	2021
Total Incidents	2	3

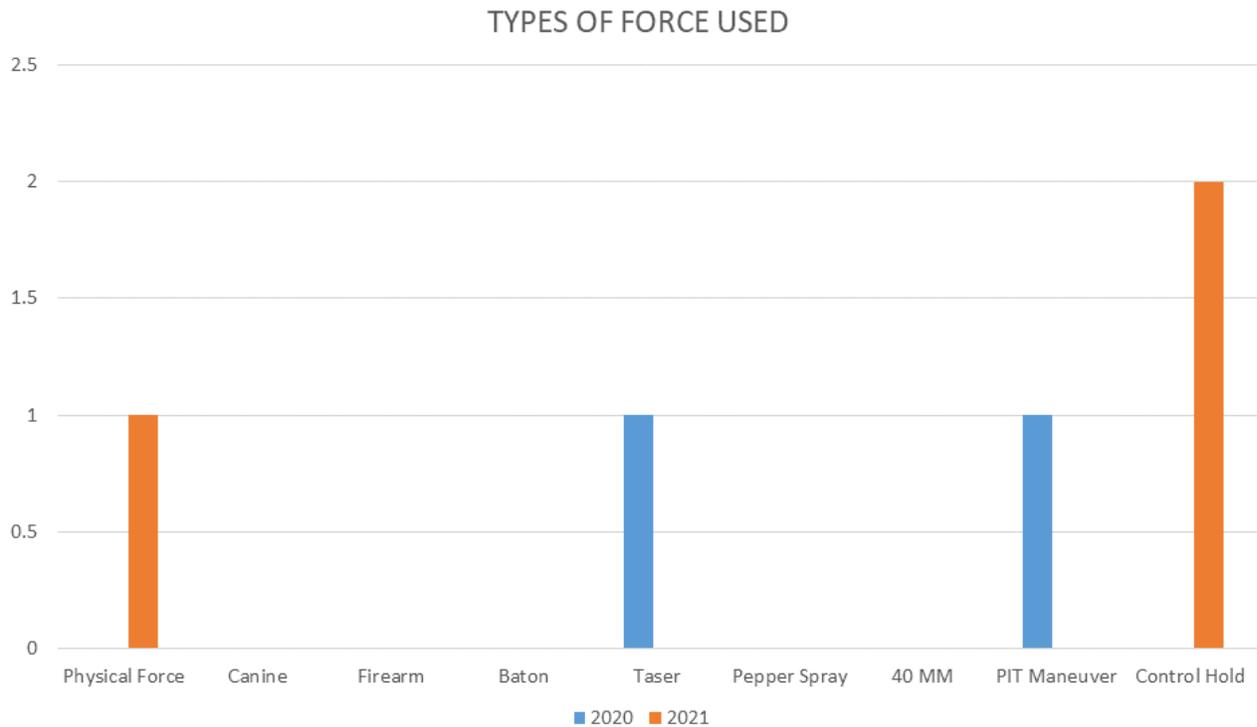
Date	Time	Type of Call	Type of Force Used	Race	Age	Gender
5-2-20	0121 hrs.	Traffic Stop	Pursuit Intervention	Hispanic	23	Male
6-9-20	2038 hrs.	Disturbance	Taser	White	28	Male
1/29/21	0946 hrs.	Suspicious Person	Physical Force	Hispanic	37	Male
7/18/21	2216 hrs.	Domestic Violence	Control Hold	White	69	Male
10/28/21	2023 hrs.	Home Invasion Robbery	Control Hold	Asian	34	Female

Use of Force

2021 USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY RACE AND GENDER



2021 Use of Force Incidents by Race and Gender



Use of Force

2020 - 2021

Physical Force/Canine/Firearm/Baton/Taser/Pepper Spray/40 MM/ PIT Maneuver/Control Hold/Use of Force by Vehicle

Type of Force Used	2020	2021
Physical Force	0	1
Canine	0	0
Firearm	0	0
Baton	0	0
Taser	1	0
Pepper Spray	0	0
40 mm	0	0
PIT Maneuver	1	0
Control Hold	0	2

Use of Force Trends

In 2021 the South Pasadena Police Department had three incidents involving the use of force. The use of force data does reveal a pattern or a trend of subjects physically resisting. All three incidents were justified and determined to be within policy. South Pasadena police officers continue to exercise restraint when dealing with combative subjects, and the Department continually emphasizes the importance of de-escalation techniques.

Use of Force Training Points

1. Officers were dispatched to look for a suspicious person where the suspect was seen pulling on car handles to parked vehicles. The first officer on-scene located the suspect and instructed him to stop. The suspect ignored the officer's commands and quickly walked away. The officer, believing a crime had been committed, grabbed the suspect's arm to detain him. The suspect attempted to pull away and raised his hand towards the officer. Believing he would be punched, the officer performed a leg sweep, kicking the suspect's front leg out from under him, causing the offender to lose balance. After falling, the suspect stood back up and held onto a telephone pole to prevent the officer from taking him into custody. Two additional officers arrived moments later to assist. After a brief struggle, the officers were able to handcuff the suspect and take him into custody. As a training point, it was recommended officers wait for additional backup and resources before confronting and detaining an uncooperative suspect.

Use of Force

2. Officers were dispatched to a report of domestic violence. The first arriving officer observed an open front door into the residence. The officer could clearly see the arguing couple standing inside the home. One spouse instructed the officer not to come inside without a warrant, while the other spouse told the officer to enter and arrest the aggressor. The officer entered and placed his hand around the suspect's arm to direct him outside. Two additional officers arrived and assisted in getting the suspect, who was agitated and resisting, outside. The suspect hit his forehead against the doorframe during the struggle, causing a small laceration. Paramedics arrived on the scene and treated the suspect for his injury. As a training point, it was recommended officers wait for sufficient backup before physically making contact with a subject. A safer alternative would have been to have the cooperative spouse exit the residence and wait for more officers to assist with the uncooperative subject.
3. Officers were dispatched to a neighboring city to assist with a violent in-progress robbery. When the first South Pasadena officer arrived on the scene, he was assigned to watch the front door and directed to detain anyone who came out from the residence. As the officer took his position, he observed a subject exit the front door in a rapid manner. The officer immediately radioed for backup and gave verbal commands for the suspect to surrender by lying on the ground. As additional officers arrived, the officer grabbed the suspect's arm. At this point, the suspect attempted to break free and run back inside the residence. The additional officers assisted and prevented the suspect from fleeing. The officer took the necessary steps to take the subject into custody by having the assistance of another officer and using the least amount of force necessary to detain the subject.

2020 (59,020 Calls for Service)

T-Stop/Failure to yield / Use of force by vehicle
Subject causing a Disturbance / Taser

2021 (54,312 Calls of Service)

Suspicious Person / Physical force
Domestic Violence / Control hold
Home Invasion Robbery-Outside Agency Assist/ Control hold

Bias-Based Policing

The South Pasadena Police Department (SPPD) conducts an annual review of its commitment to policing, ensuring that is fair and objective. This report includes public concerns and complaints delivered to the Chief of Police. This report will assist to identify any changes in training or operations that should be made to improve service.

- Penal Code 13519.6
 - In March of 2021, all officers, dispatchers, and parking control officers attended and completed the Museum of Tolerance's Hate Crimes Courses for California agencies. Utilizing real-life scenarios, participants discussed the unique dynamics of hate crimes. Participants identified common dynamics of hate crime victims and strategies for conducting effective interviews. The participants also learned about the origins of hate and an overview of various hate groups. They discussed investigative techniques, evidence collection, report writing and documentation, and the impact of hate crimes on the community.
 - **Changes to training or operations: N/A**
- Roll Call Training & Training Monitors
 - Each Police Department shift reviewed and discussed the Department's Bias-Based Policing Police 401.
 - In April 2021, training monitors were installed in common area of the Department. These monitors display a variety of Department policy and procedures that include Bias-Based Policing 401.
 - **Changes to training or operations: In December 2021, The Department's Bias-Based Policing Policy was updated to include section 401.4.2:**

401.4.2 REPORTING OF STOPS

Unless an exception applies under 11 CCR 999.227, an officer conducting a stop of a person shall collect the data elements required by 11 CCR 999.226 for every person stopped and prepare a stop data report. When multiple officers conduct a stop, the officer with the highest level of engagement with the person shall collect the data elements and prepare the report (11 CCR 999.227).

If multiple agencies are involved in a stop and the South Pasadena Police Department is the primary agency, the South Pasadena Police Department officer shall collect the data elements and prepare the stop data report (11 CCR 999.227).

The stop data report should be completed by the end of the officer's shift or as soon as practicable (11 CCR 999.227).

- South Pasadena Police Department Hate Crime Policy:
 - **319.5 TRAINING**

All members of this Department will receive POST-approved training on hate crime recognition and investigation as provided by Penal Code § 13519.6. Training should include (Penal Code § 422.87):

 - a). Recognition of bias motivators such as ranges of attitudes and perceptions toward a specific characteristic or group, including disability and gender biases.

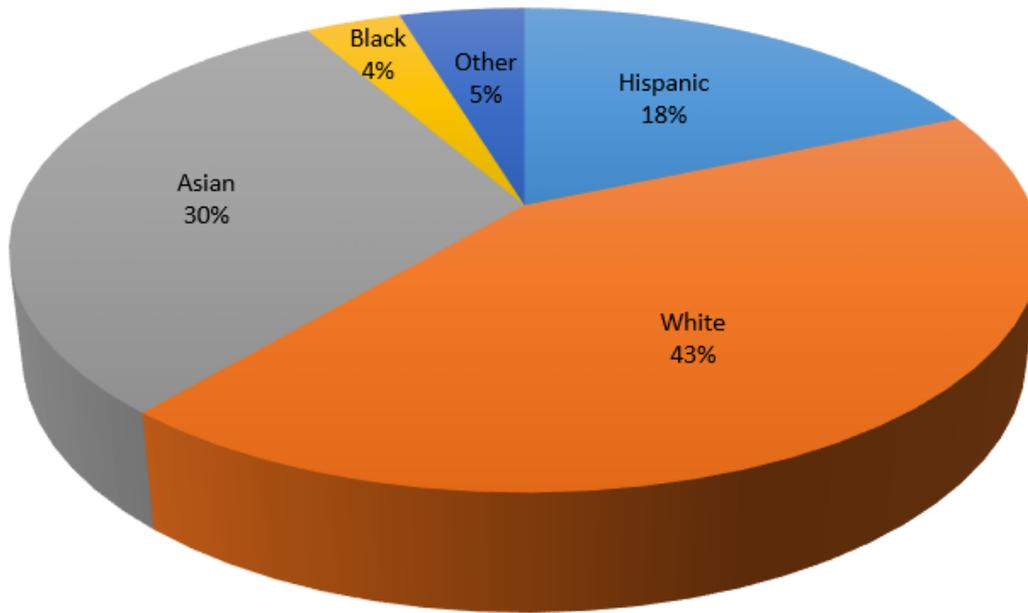
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- b). Accurate reporting by officers, including information on the general underreporting of hate crimes.
- c). Distribution of hate crime brochures: hate crime report checklist and victim of hate crime brochures were made available for officers.
- AB 953 RIPA Stop Data
 - In order to comply with the Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA), also known as Assembly Bill 953, the department began collecting stop data on January 1st, 2022.
 - The State mandated data collection program requires the collection of certain stop data related to detentions, searches, and complaints. The department is required to submit its first report on April 23rd, 2023, and annually thereafter.
 - Information recorded includes:
 - Stop information: Date, time, duration, location, reason, call for service or self-initiated, actions taken, contraband or property seized, result.
 - Perception: Perceived race/ethnicity, age, gender, LGBT, English fluency, disability.
 - Officer: years of experience and type of assignment
 - The purpose of RIPA is to analyze data related to stops/complaints of racial/identity profiling. With the data collected the Department of Justice (DOJ) will work with Law Enforcement agencies to review racial/identity profiling practices and policies. Data collected will be posted and available to the public on the DOJ website annually with stats and recommendations. Officers' unique identifying numbers will not be published.
 - Members shall enter all stop data into the Stop Data Collection System (SDCS) prior to end of their shift, unless exigent circumstances prevent entry, in which case officers shall enter data by the end of their next shift.
 - RIPA information cards will be issued to all officers for gathering necessary information on stops. The cards will be given to the Records Department for data entry. Officers will be required to enter their own stops when the vehicles are outfitted with Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) early next year. Members will then access the SDCS web portal via the icon located on station computers and vehicle MDCs.
 - If the SDCS system becomes inaccessible, personnel shall utilize the linked form to retain stop data for entry upon restoration of the SDCS system. The "Stop Data Collection Form" is authorized for destruction upon successful data upload into SDCS.
- Police Reform
 - In 2020, policies were reviewed and revised concerning carotid restraint and the use of force based on community input of "8 can't wait."
 - **No additional changes since 2020**
- Complaints
 - The department did not receive any written or verbal Bias based Policing complaints in 2021.

Bias-Based Policing

The following charts and graphs depict the overall population of South Pasadena and the adult and juvenile arrest statistical data for the 2021 calendar year by ethnicity. The data was prepared using population information from the American Community Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau dated July 1, 2021.

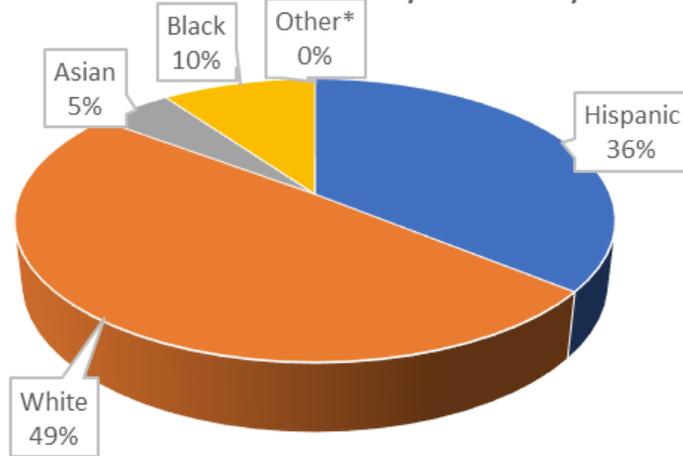
Total Population by Ethnicity



Ethnicity/Race	Number	Population
Hispanic	4,984	18.50%
White	14,953	42.70%
Asian	8,217	30.50%
Black	969	3.60%
Other	1,266	4.7%
<i>Total</i>	26,943	100%

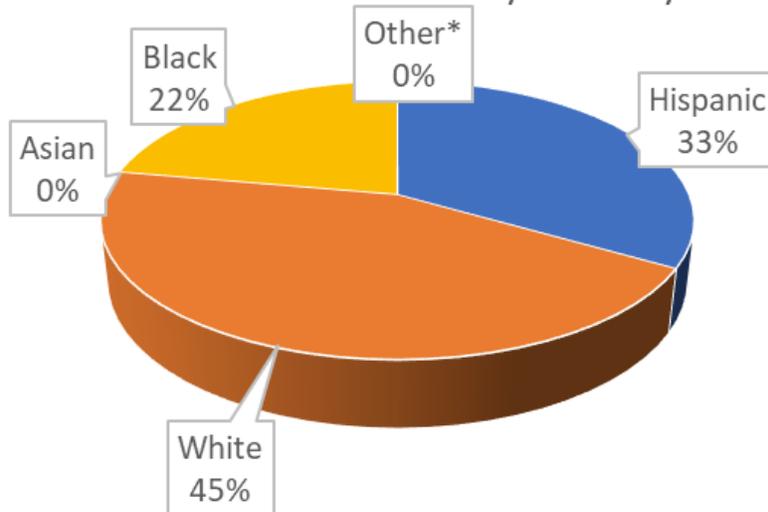
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2021 Adult Arrests by Ethnicity



Ethnicity/Race	Arrests	Percentage of Arrests	Population
Hispanic	233	35.9%	18.5%
White	321	49.4%	42.7%
Asian	32	4.9%	30.5%
Black	64	9.9%	3.6%
Other*	0	0%	4.7%
Total	650	100%	95.3%

2021 Juvenile Arrests by Ethnicity

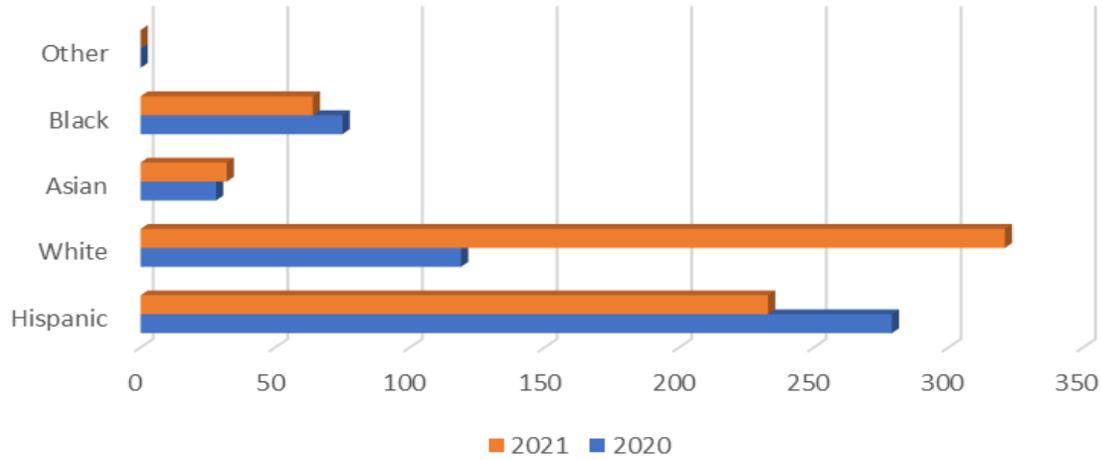


Ethnicity/Race	Arrests	Percentage of Arrests	Population
Hispanic	3	33.3%	18.5%
White	4	44.4%	42.7%
Asian	0	0%	30.5%
Black	2	22.2%	3.6%
Other*	0	0%	4.7%
Total	9	100%	95.3%

* Our computer system does not include Native Americans and two or more races in our demographics.

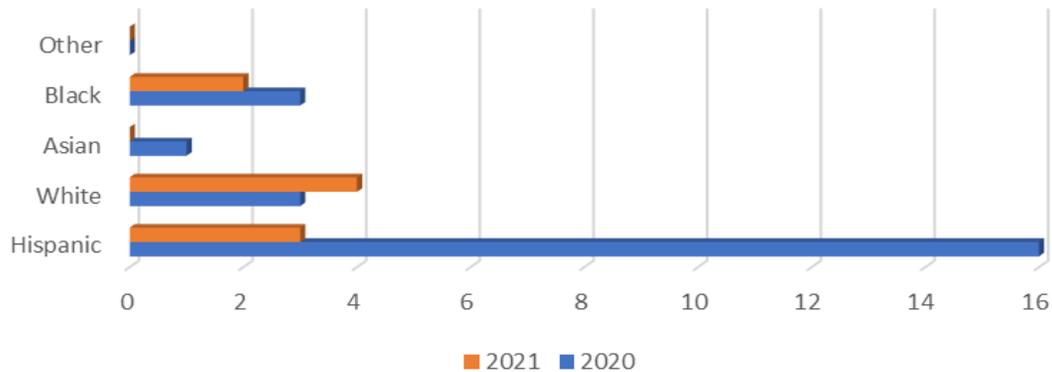
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2020 - 2021 Comparison of Adult Arrests by Ethnicity



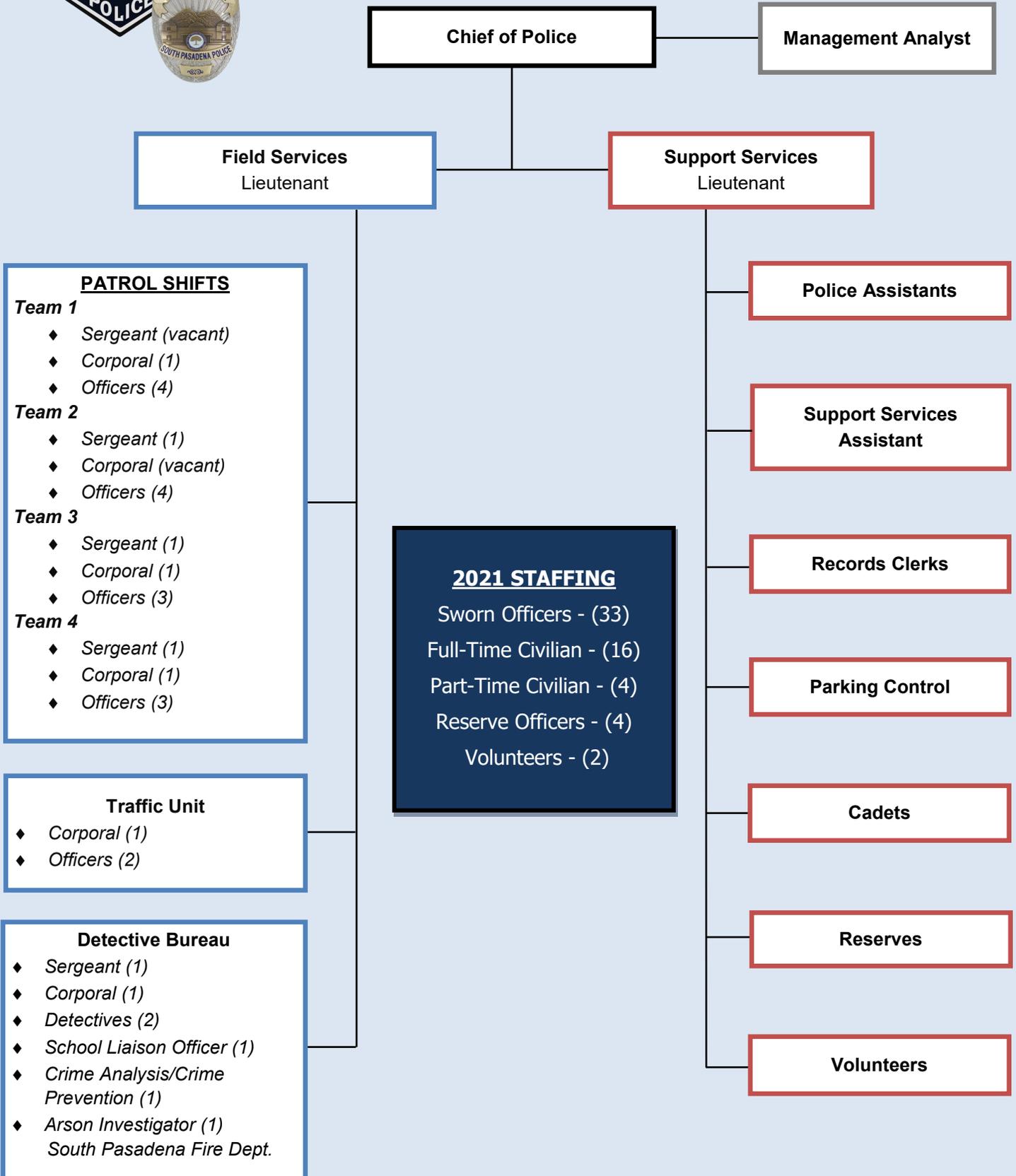
Race	Population	2020 Arrests	2021 Arrests	Increase/Decrease	% Change
Hispanic	18.5%	279	233	46	-16.5%
White	42.7%	119	321	202	169.7%
Asian	30.50%	28	32	4	14.3%
Black	3.60%	75	64	11	-14.7%
Other	4.7%	0	0	0	0%
Total	100%	501	650	149	29.7%

2020 - 2021 Comparison of Juvenile Arrests by Ethnicity



Race	Population	2020 Arrests	2021 Arrests	Increase/Decrease	% Change
Hispanic	18.5%	16	3	13	-81.3%
White	42.7%	3	4	1	33.3%
Asian	30.50%	1	0	1	-100%
Black	3.60%	3	2	1	-33.3%
Other	4.7%	0	0	0	0
Total	100%	23	9	14	-60.9%

Organizational Chart



New Employees



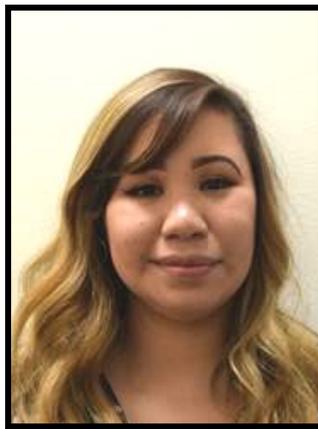
Ederson Gramajo
Police Officer
2020



Christina Roppo
Police Officer
2020



Nick Godoy
Police Recruit
2021



Nelly Ochoa
Records Clerk
2021



Alison Wehrle
Management Analyst
2021

Retirements



Esther Delinko
Administrative Secretary
40 years



Peggy Grangetto
Support Services Assistant
35 years



Jim Valencia
Sergeant
30 years



Dan Bricker
Chaplain
19 Years

Promotions

Andy Dubois
Corporal



Gilbert Carrillo
Corporal



New Assignments



Craig Phillips
Detective Corporal



Tyler Borrello
Detective/School Liaison Officer



Ryan Hang
Detective



Mike Sanchez
Motor Officer



Christina Roppo
Traffic Officer



Jeanette Zavala
Support Services Assistant

Resigned



Katie Ruvalcaba
Police Cadet

Department Overview

The South Pasadena Police Department is comprised of 33 sworn officers, 16 non-sworn employees, four part-time employees, two volunteers, and four reserve officers that provide law enforcement services to the City's residents and businesses 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Department is divided into two divisions: Field Services and Support Services, with a Lieutenant supervising each division.



School Crossing Guards and Animal Control Services are contracted to outside companies. A Los Angeles County Mental Health Clinician is embedded within the Department to provide aid on mental health related-calls. This program is called the West San Gabriel Valley Mental Health Evaluation Team and includes partnership with the cities of Arcadia, Irwindale, and Monrovia.

The Police Department participates in a "Mutual-Aid" program with neighboring agencies. "Mutual-Aid" is a shared resource of both police and fire services between different cities within the San Gabriel Valley. Officers and firefighters can respond to assist neighboring cities in case of emergencies.



The Police Department operates on a community-based policing philosophy. Through a combination of efforts between the police, residents, and businesses, we assist one another to ultimately reduce crime. This philosophy allows officers to be part of and interact with the community.

With residents working and staying at home, the usual commuter traffic congestion was non-existent through the city. Overnight parking was exempted to help residents during the first three months of the Safer-at-Home order. During these first three months, citations were at an all time low. In April, only one citation and 66 parking citations were issued.

Detectives filed cases electronically with the district attorney's office to promote safe social distancing at court, and arraignments were done remotely.

To help residents who were staying at home, overnight parking restrictions were temporarily suspended. Residents and local organizations supported their police and fire departments by donating much needed Personal Protection Equipment (i.e., face masks and nitrile gloves). With strict safety restrictions in place, the Police Department continued to provide safety and service to the community of South Pasadena.



Department Overview

To ensure the safety of community members, the South Pasadena Police Department along with other San Gabriel Valley agencies assisted with security at Cal State Los Angeles' COVID-19 vaccination site.



The Police Department worked closely with the City Council and the Public Safety Commission in areas of mutual benefit to address the current public and social issues facing cities nationwide.

Although, during 2020 many city events were cancelled, while others were switched to virtual format. In 2021, as COVID-19 restrictions lifted, city events were slowly brought back and was met with great support from the community.



One of the most successful event held in 2021 was our first "Catalytic Converter Etching Program". To help combat the rise of catalytic converter thefts, the Police Department partnered with Larry's Union Service to engrave vehicle license plate numbers onto the catalytic converter for free. The event was so successful that all reservations were filled within four hours.

A cherished experience, serving holiday lunches to the senior community was also continued in 2021. The South Pasadena Police Officers' Association helped fund the event, showing their commitment to the community.

To help show support to the commercial district, Chief Solinsky and officers visited several local businesses to talk about issues specific to this portion of the community.



Lifesaving Incidents

Officers are often the first on scene when 9-1-1 is called. Officers must use their training to assess the situation and render the appropriate aid quickly. In 2021, there were several incidents where officers used their skills and training to save a person's life.

INCIDENT DATE: MAY 6, 2021

Detectives Tyler Borrello and Ryan Hang were conducting surveillance on a sexual assault suspect in Los Angeles. While watching, Detective Borrello's attention was drawn to an unrelated vehicle parked nearby. The vehicle was occupied by a male and female, who were talking with another male that was standing outside. As he watched, Detective Borrello witnessed the male outside the vehicle lunge into the car and begin assaulting the female, striking and stabbing her repeatedly with a screwdriver. Without hesitation, Detective Borrello ran to aid the victim and intervene. As he got closer to the car, Detective Borrello saw the male suspect lying on top of the victim, continuing to stab her. Detective Borrello immediately advanced on the attacker and was able to take him into custody. During this life-threatening situation, Detective Borrello was able to take charge and stop an attack without the use of deadly force. The female victim suffered multiple stab wounds on her face, head, and body, ultimately recovering from her injuries. The original sexual assault suspect the detectives were initially investigating came outside to observe the commotion and was also arrested without incident.

INCIDENT DATE: JUNE 15, 2021

On June 15, 2021, Officers Pech and Calderon responded to the Gold Line platform regarding a male passenger that had ingested fentanyl and suffered a cardiac emergency. Upon arrival, officers saw a witness performing CPR on the unresponsive male. Officers immediately took over medical aid, administering a dose of Narcan to counter the effects of fentanyl. Officers monitored the male's vital signs and provided additional first aid until paramedics arrived. By the time fire personnel arrived, the male had begun to breathe on his own and regain consciousness.

INCIDENT DATE: JUNE 28, 2021

On June 28, 2021, Officers Pech and Calderon responded to a 9-1-1 call of an unconscious female that had difficulty breathing inside a residence. Officers arrived within a minute and found the unconscious female lying on the kitchen floor. The officers learned the unconscious female had ingested Oxycodone that was possibly laced with fentanyl. The officers immediately administered a dose of Narcan to counter the effects of the fentanyl while monitoring the female's vital signs and providing additional first aid. Within a short time, the female regained consciousness and was able to walk to the ambulance.

INCIDENT DATE: AUGUST 9, 2021

On August 9, 2021, Officer Burgos responded to an unconscious male that had ingested an opiate. Upon arrival, Officer Burgos saw the unconscious male lying on the floor and was displaying cyanosis from a lack of oxygen. Officer Burgos immediately administered two doses of Narcan. South Pasadena Fire Department arrived shortly after to take over life-saving measures. Before reaching the ambulance, the male regained consciousness and was talking with rescuers.

Community Outreach Programs

West San Gabriel Mental Health Evaluation Team

The South Pasadena, Arcadia, Irwindale, and Monrovia Police Departments partnered with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and formed a mobile Mental Health Evaluation Team.



The program provides a Mental Health Clinician who partners with a police officer when responding to calls for service regarding mental health crisis. The Clinician can provide immediate evaluations, interventions, obtain services at facilities, process mental health holds and administer follow-up services and support.

Homeless Outreach

The "Homeless Outreach Program" (HOPE) was developed in-house to address the City's unhoused population. The HOPE program works with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, Pasadena Union Station, Los Angeles Homeless Authority, faith-based groups, the Shower of Hope, and grassroots organizations to help the unhoused with needed resources as well as COVID-19 supplies (mask, hand sanitizer).

Many private organizations contribute to the HOPE program by donating clothing to help the unhoused. The South Pasadena Police Officers' Association provides a monetary donation to the Holy Family Giving Bank that provides food to needy families and the unhoused. Holy Family Catholic Church provides food and co-sponsors the "Shower of Hope," which offers free showers for the unhoused. The group "You Are Essential" donated care packages that contained hygiene kits. The donated items are distributed to the unhoused by police officers. The HOPE program is staffed by department personnel as a collateral duty.

Success Story

The HOPE team contacted two unhoused individuals living on the streets. Upon learning the woman was eight months pregnant and needed prenatal care, officers and Union Station of Pasadena provided resources for medical attention and housing.



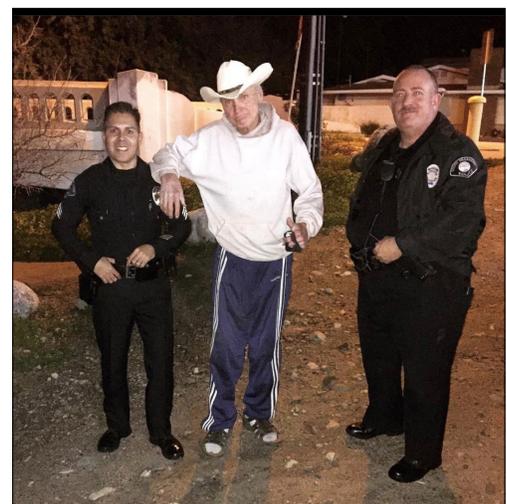
Community Outreach Programs

The new family of 3 (Mom, Dad, and Baby) later returned to the police station to thank the officers and show their support in ending the cycle of homelessness. The family has since regained their footing with permanent housing and the father has obtained employment. The mother has been working with the Foothill Workforce Development Board to obtain valuable skills for employment.

The Department continued its participation with the “Homeless Outreach Services Team” (HOST). This is a regional program partners with South Pasadena partnering with San Gabriel, San Marino, Alhambra, and Monterey Park Police Departments to form a coalition of officers that patrol each participating city to assist the unhoused. HOST is funded by Los Angeles County’s Measure H initiative, which provides resources, care packages, and assistance to the homeless population.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, officers have distributed face masks to the homeless and worked with the Pasadena Union Station and the Los Angeles Homeless Authority to assist the homeless in finding temporary housing with “Project Room Key”.

Chief Solinsky, Lieutenant Robledo, Management Analyst Wehrle and Mayor Cacciotti helped provide Thanksgiving meals to families in need. The Pasadena Union Station Homeless Services hosted the event.



Community Programs

Community programs are an excellent way to engage with residents and businesses. Each program was developed for a specific need within the community. Many of our successful programs, such as the Woman's Self-Defense Class and the Teen and Citizen's Academy, were cancelled in light of the pandemic due to the safety precautions for staff and community members but will return when it's safe considering health and safety protocols. Other programs were offered in a modified setting to comply with health regulations.



Project Lifesaver



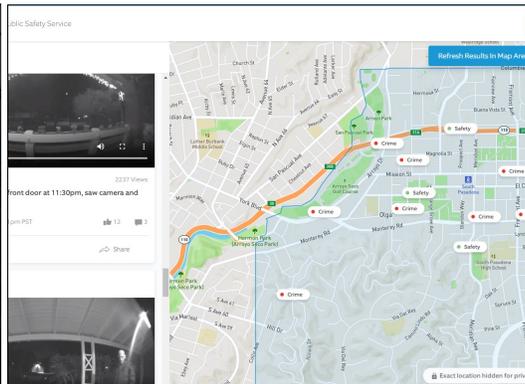
Spark of Love Toy Drive



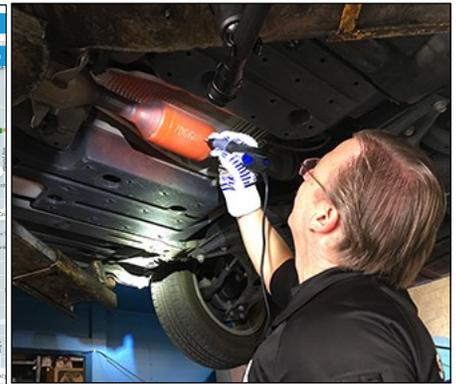
Operation Chill



"Justice" Mascot



Ring Public Safety Service



Catalytic Converter Etching Event



Prescription Drug Take Back



National Night Out



Secure the Call

Anticipating Returning Community Programs

We eagerly await the opportunity to invite the community back to participate in a number of our successful community programs once it is safe to do so in light of the pandemic.



Community Visits



Coffee with a Cop



Farmer's Market



Fourth of July Parade Walk



Woman's Self-Defense



Special Olympics Torch Run



Community Presentations



In person Neighborhood Watch Meetings



Citizen's Academy

Community Involvement

Each year, the South Pasadena Police Officers' Association (SPPOA), which represents full-time employees, participates in community and charitable events to show their support the City or special causes. As with many of the community programs, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of several events.



Pink Patch Project



High School Scholarship



Serving Holiday Lunch to Seniors



No Shave November



Foothill Air Support Toy Drive



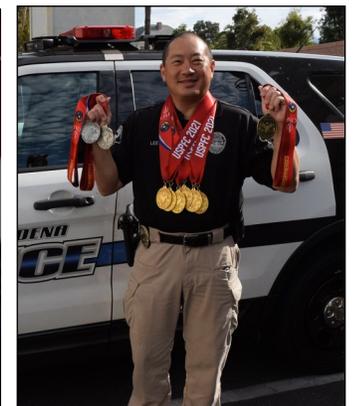
Sherman Block Leadership Institute



California Police Chiefs Executive Leadership Institute



MADD Award



US Police & Fire Games

FIELD SERVICES DIVISION

Lieutenant Shannon Robledo supervises the Field Services Division, which is the most visible part of the Department.

The mission of the Field Services Division is to ensure the safety of residents, businesses, and visitors to the City by responding to calls, proactive policing, and community involvement.

The Field Services Division includes Patrol, Detective Bureau, Traffic Unit, Foothill Air Support Team and the Bicycle/T3 Unit.



Patrol

Patrol is the “core” and largest unit within the South Pasadena Police Department, with a third of the employees assigned to it. A patrol shift consists of a Sergeant, Corporal, 3-4 Police Officers, and 1-2 Police Assistants.

Patrol officers provide many services during their 12-hour shifts, such as responding to calls for service, providing extra patrols, traffic enforcement, and self-initiated proactive policing. Additionally, they attend community events, conduct preliminary investigation of crimes and traffic accidents, write reports, collect evidence, and process and transport arrestees.

With officers continuously patrolling the city, they can respond to a life threatening call more efficiently, usually within a few minutes. Because they are the first to arrive at a life-threatening call, officers must know basic first-aid, trauma wound management, and CPR. In 2021, there were several incidents where officers quick response time and training in the use of Narcan saved a person’s life.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, officers were immediately issued Personal Protective Equipment, which included nitrile gloves, glasses, gowns and the mandatory wearing of face masks was implemented.



Detective Bureau



The Detective Bureau conducts follow-up investigations on felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile crimes as well as missing persons cases. The Detective Bureau is also responsible for the School Resource Liaison Officer Program, crime analysis, crime prevention, and arson investigations.

Detectives may assist patrol to supplement staffing during an emergency, conduct surveillance, and serve arrest or search warrants. They also process and manage digital evidence from video and surveillance cameras.



The Detective Bureau is staffed by a sergeant, a corporal, and four detectives. One detective is also assigned collateral duties as the School Liaison Officer, while another has collateral duties as the Crime Analyst and Crime Prevention Officer. An administrative cadet and an Arson Investigator from the Fire Department also supplement the Detective Bureau.

Detectives work closely with the Records Unit to prepare cases for filing with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. In addition, detectives serve warrants and conduct safety presentations to organizations on identity theft and fraud.



At the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District Attorney's Office developed an electronic filing system for criminal cases to enhance health and safety measures in addition to reducing the court backlog. Detectives worked promptly to learn the system and implement the program, increasing the unit's efficiency.

School Liaison Officer



SLO Detective Borrello conducting a virtual meeting with Monterey Hills School Principal Laurie Narro.

Detective Borrello is the School Liaison Officer (SLO). His primary duties include investigating juvenile cases and working as a liaison with the City's schools. He mentors students, attends the School Attendance Review Boards, assemblies, rallies, and schools' sporting events.

The SLO is an important program, fostering a positive relationship between officers, students, and young children. The presence of an officer on school campuses reinforces safety for the students within the City. Moreover the SLO conducts safety presentations to the schools.



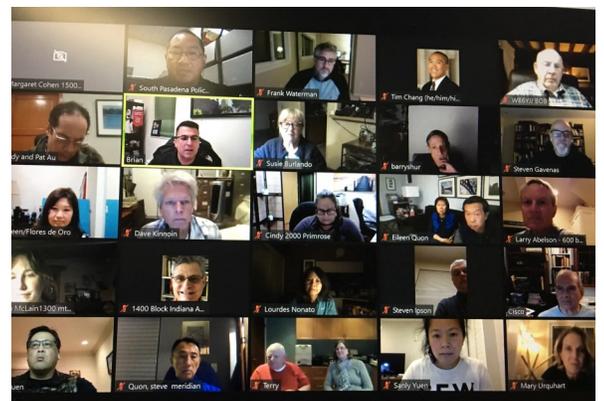
With students on distance learning for the majority of 2020, the SLO participated in virtual assemblies with the schools.

Crime Analysis/Crime Prevention

A detective staffs the crime analysis and crime prevention position as a collateral duty in addition to the criminal cases he is responsible for investigating.

Crime Analysis involves the review of crime reports to examine and identify patterns or trends. Identifying specific patterns or trends can help direct patrol officers to problem areas or aid in locating a wanted suspect.

Crime Prevention is a proactive outreach program that works with the community to help educate residents and businesses on how to actively prevent crime. Crime Prevention conducts safety presentations to organizations and coordinates the Neighborhood Watch Program. Neighborhood Watch Meetings were held virtually throughout the year.



Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit was restructured in 2020 to meet the City's growing needs. It currently consists of a corporal and two officers. The responsibilities of the Traffic Unit include traffic enforcement, community education, and collision investigation. Traffic enforcement and education aim to encourage motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians to voluntarily comply with city ordinances and the California Vehicle Code to save lives, reduce collisions, and prevent economic loss.



The goals of the Traffic Unit are accomplished using the 5 E's. Engineering, Enforcement, Education, Emergency Response, and Emerging Technologies.

The Traffic Unit coordinates DUI Sobriety Checkpoints, DUI Saturation Patrols, and targeted vehicle code enforcement operations in partnership with the California Office of Traffic Safety, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and local law enforcement agencies.

The Traffic Unit utilizes electronic survey tools and three-dimensional computer software to reconstruct fatal accident scenes as part of collision investigations. These tools are used to create the factual diagram required for fatal collision reports.

Foothill Air Support Team

Established in 1999 as a regional air support program between small neighboring cities in the San Gabriel Valley, the Foothill Air Support Team (FAST) provides air service for the cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Covina, Glendora, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, Pomona, San Marino, Sierra Madre, and South Pasadena.

Each participating agency in FAST provides one officer as a Tactical Flight Officer (TFO) who undergoes a grueling 160 hours of training. The TFO is responsibilities include monitoring radio calls for assistance from 11 different cities, coordinating resources, and directing patrol officers at crime scenes.



Bicycle/T3 Unit

The Bicycle and T3 Unit is staffed by full-time and reserve officers as collateral duty in addition to their regular assignment. The Department has traditional two-wheeled bicycles and electric bicycles. The T3's are electrically powered three-wheeled vehicles.

The bicycles and T3's are used for patrol, crime suppression, and public events. Their ability to move quietly, especially at night, make them ideal for directed enforcement operations.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Lieutenant Tom Jacobs supervises the Support Services Division, which is composed solely of non-sworn personnel.



The Administrative Services Section is responsible for office and fleet management, station maintenance, and evidence control. In addition, they also ensure compliance with current laws, department policies, procedures, training and supervise the recruitment and hiring of new employees.

The Support Services Division is comprised of communications (dispatch), records, parking enforcement, reserve officers, cadets, and volunteers. Support Services provides technical support while working closely with the City's Information Technology team to ensure proper maintenance and upgrades to the servers, computers, and phone systems.

Support Services Assistant

The Support Services Assistant (SSA) is staffed by one non-sworn, full-time employee with three critical administrative duties: Recruitment, Training and Property/Evidence.

Recruitment – The SSA works with the City's Human Resources Department, recruiting and processing police department applicants. The SSA administrators written and physical fitness exams, coordinates the background investigations, interviews, psychological and medical testing.

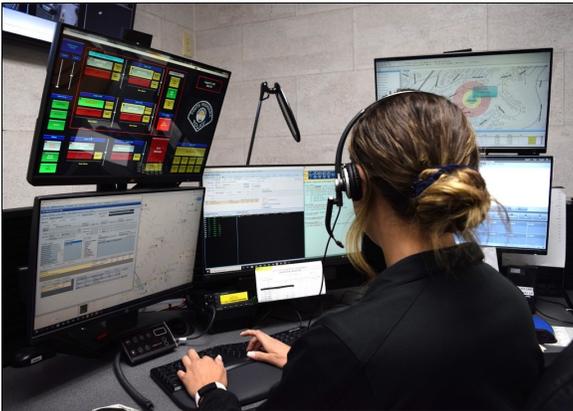
Property/Evidence – A significant role for the SSA is managing all evidence and found property. The proper management of evidence is critical for the appropriate chain-of-custody process. This includes receiving, processing, storing, and releasing property or evidence and disposing of narcotics and unclaimed property. The SSA ensures that narcotics are properly stored and sent to the Crime Lab for testing.



Training – The SSA ensures that all employees are current with all mandated training in accordance with the California State Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

Police Assistants

Police assistants are non-sworn, full-time employees and are at the heart of the police department. Their primary responsibilities are "dispatchers." They process vital communications between officers in the field, the police station, and the public. Police assistants receive incoming telephone calls for service, including 911 emergency calls for both police and fire. Calls for fire service are transferred to a centralized fire dispatch center in Glendale that coordinates several fire departments in the San Gabriel Valley.



Police assistants are trained in first-aid and CPR and must work well under immense pressure. They must quickly determine the nature of calls and prioritize various types of emergency and non-emergency calls while ensuring the appropriate resources are dispatched. When answering calls for service, police assistants must quickly obtain facts while keeping the caller calm, sending officers, and relaying pertinent information to responders.

While inside the dispatch center, police assistants monitor City Hall, the police station, and the jail holding area through surveillance cameras. They enter all data related to calls for service into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS). The dispatch center can accommodate up to three police assistants, with each work station containing five computer monitors that display CAD, RMS, and other various computer programs. Police assistants also assist with custody duties involving female arrestees.

5,909
911 Calls Answered
54,312
Total Calls for Service



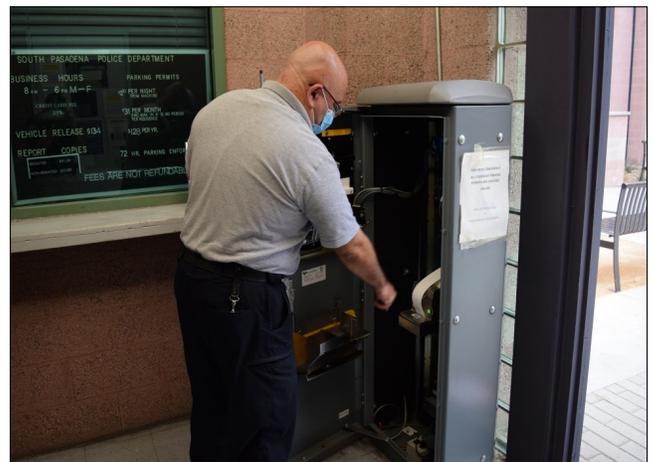
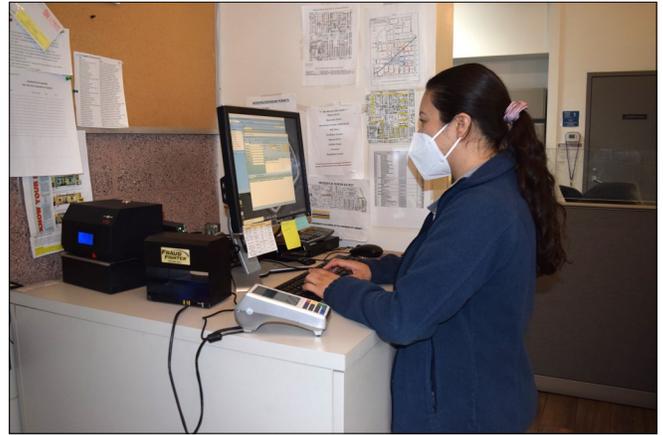
Records Bureau

The Records Bureau is comprised of four clerks who are non-sworn, full-time employees and are also assisted by cadets.

The Records Bureau provides a wide variety of administrative duties that is critical for the Department's infrastructure.

The Records Bureau maintains and archives all police reports. To keep accurate accounts and security of each report, clerks scan all documents, including photographs, which are stored digitally in a secured server. Clerks also provide customer assistance at the front counter, aid in fingerprinting service to the public, process all vehicle parking-related matters, maintain the overnight parking machine in the lobby, and coordinate hearings for contested citations.

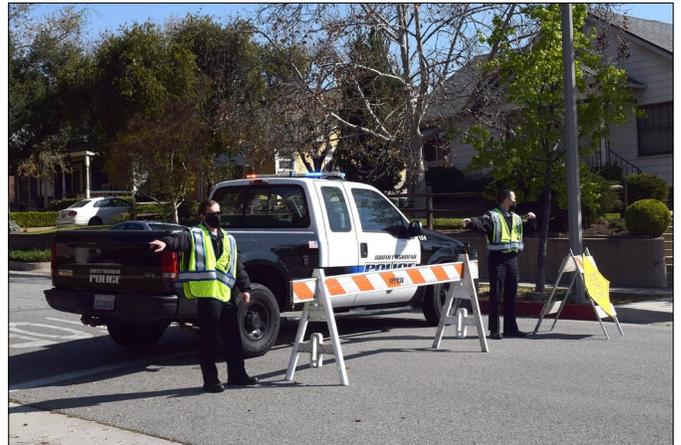
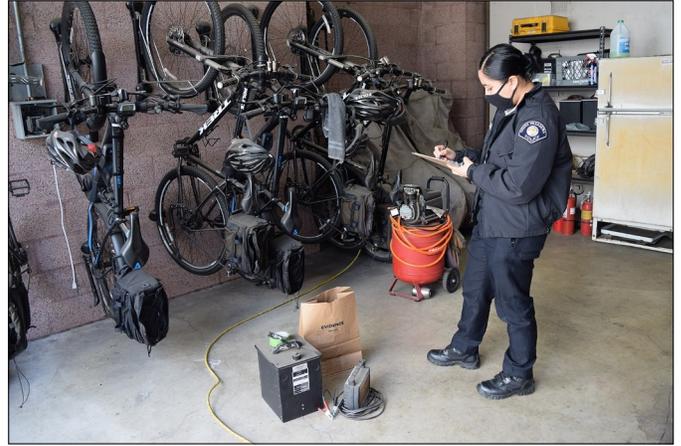
Additionally, each clerk has a specific responsibility that they specialize in. These duties include working with the Detective Bureau to process paperwork for cases to be filed with the District Attorney's Office, processing subpoenas, citations, and fulfilling public requests for police reports received over the counter, phone, or online. Clerks process discovery motions (requests made from the district attorney's office to obtain reports, photos, 9-1-1 calls, body worn cameras, etc. for court), answer the general business line to the police department during regular business hours, handle payroll for police employees, reconcile revenues from paid citations and parking permits, and process Public Records Act Requests.



Police Cadet Program

The Police Cadet Program offers young adults an opportunity to experience police work as a potential career. Six part-time cadets currently assist the Department in clerical and fieldwork. Cadets may be assigned to the Records Department or Detective Bureau.

Duties in the Records Department include taking reports, answering questions from the general public, filing, and assisting residents with parking permits and citations. Fieldwork consists of vehicle maintenance, delivering court documents, delivering evidence to crime labs, traffic control, parking enforcement, and radar trailer deployment. A cadet assigned to the Detective Bureau assists detectives with crime statistics and evidence processing.

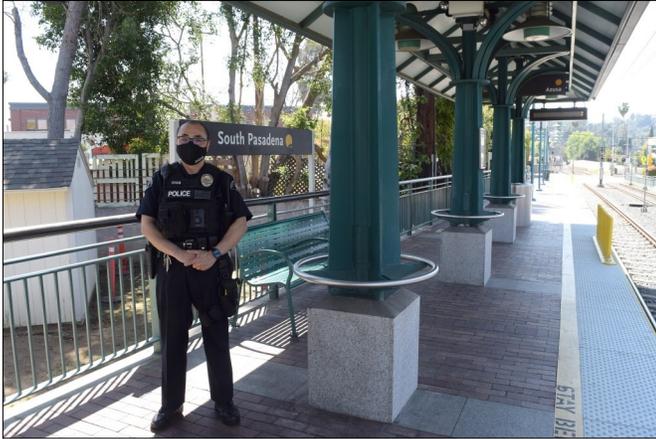


Parking Control

Parking control officers enforce parking laws and issue parking citations. They also coordinate towing services, monitor vehicles for 72-hour violations, help with traffic control, enforce time zone and overnight parking violations.

During the relaxation of the overnight parking restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, parking control officers stayed productive, assisting officers with extra patrols throughout the City, schools, parks, and Caltrans-owned homes.

Reserve Program



Established in 1942, the South Pasadena Police Reserve Program is California's second-oldest reserve organization. Reserves officers are sworn officers that volunteer their time to the City. Since the program's inception, these officers have volunteered over 500,000 hours of service to the City of South Pasadena.

While on-duty, reserve officers perform the same duties as full-time officers and are required to complete the same training.

Volunteers

Three volunteers assist the South Pasadena Police Department with their technical skills.



Dr. Nicholas Greco
Physician



Dan Bricker
Chaplain



Sam Park
Chaplain

Dr. Nicholas Greco has been a volunteer for six years and is the Medical Director for the Department's Tactical Combat Casualty Care program (TCCC). TCCC is pre-hospital trauma care in an austere environment and is taught to all officers as well as to neighboring agencies. Dr. Greco is a full-time emergency room physician at Huntington Memorial Hospital and at Los Angeles County USC Medical Center.

Dan Bricker and **Sam Park** are the chaplains for the Department and provide support to all police employees. Both Chaplains ride patrol with police officers and assist the public when sensitive or emotional events occur. The chaplains also help during local events presenting invocations. Dan Bricker has been volunteering with the Department for 19 years and teaches at Azusa Pacific University. Sam Park has been volunteering for one year and is the lead pastor at ReNew United Methodist Church in South Pasadena.

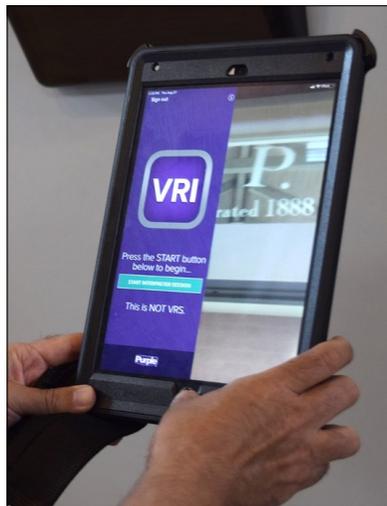
Technology

The Police Department uses technology to maintain accountability with the public and adherence to Department guidelines. Since 2008, the Department has provided body-worn cameras to all officers and now issues them to parking control officers.

Patrol vehicles are equipped with Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) cameras that help locate vehicles used in crimes. ALPR cameras capture images of license plates and through software, compares the information against other databases such as stolen vehicles.

A tablet containing the Purple Communication Software is utilized in the field for officers to connect with a live interpreter for communicating with the hearing impaired and deaf. In 2021, the department acquired Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) software. VRI is an on-demand service that supports over 300 languages, utilizing live interpreters to communicate between non-English speakers and first responders.

Small GPS trackers are placed inside parcel packages to combat package thefts. The package containing the GPS is placed on front porches. Once the item is taken, the GPS is activated, sending a signal that can be tracked by dispatch. Officers can be directed to the location with precise coordinates.



Training

Each police employee receives continuous training throughout the year. While some training is mandated, the Department also offers specialized training to interested employees to enhance skills or meet certain needs within the community.

New employees must pass a strict field training program before performing as solo police officers. Employees assigned to a specialized unit must also pass additional training specific to their assignment and role.



All police employees receive updates on policy and procedures, receiving annual training on required perishable skills such as arrest and control, firearms, defensive driving, communications, and de-escalation techniques. All employees receive training on de-escalation techniques, mental health awareness, implicit bias, and racial profiling.

Training is often conducted with neighboring agencies to learn standardized procedures and provide consistency when responding to mutual aid requests.

Each officer is trained in CPR and first-aid, including Naloxone (Narcan). Narcan is used as an emergency treatment medication for known or suspected opioid overdose. Several lives have been saved since the implementation of the program.



Social Media/E-Policing

Social media and E-Policing resources allow the Department to interact and offer services to the community any time of the day. This has been especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic. Social media and E-Policing services were essential in maintaining community service expectations while adhering to public health mandates.

Social media provided up-to-date information on the pandemic as information and restrictions were constantly evolving.

Traffic updates and road closures are also posted to help motorists be aware of traffic hazards.

E-Policing resources allowed residents to access police service from the safety of their own homes. Virtual meetings were held with several organizations and churches to stay connected with the community.

Several virtual campaigns were made throughout the year, including "Lock it, Keep it," "Domestic Violence Outreach," and Gardening Equipment thefts.



Lock it, Keep it!

The South Pasadena Police Department reminds residents to lock their vehicle's doors and remove all valuables from their vehicle.

Car burglaries are crimes of opportunity. Thieves walk down the street looking into vehicles and randomly pull on door handles.

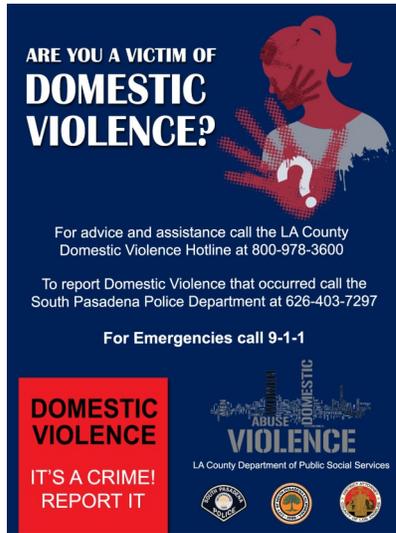
Don't be a victim, remember to lock your doors and take all valuables with you. Report all suspicious activity to the police department 626-403-7297.

South Pasadena Police Department
1422 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030
www.southpasadenaca.gov



TAKE A SECOND & SLOW DOWN

Please remember to practice safe driving to prevent accidents!



ARE YOU A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

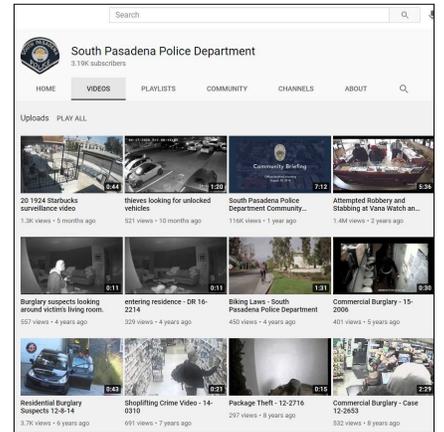
For advice and assistance call the LA County Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-978-3600

To report Domestic Violence that occurred call the South Pasadena Police Department at 626-403-7297

For Emergencies call 9-1-1

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
IT'S A CRIME! REPORT IT

ABUSE VIOLENCE
LA County Department of Public Social Services



South Pasadena Police Department
3.19K subscribers

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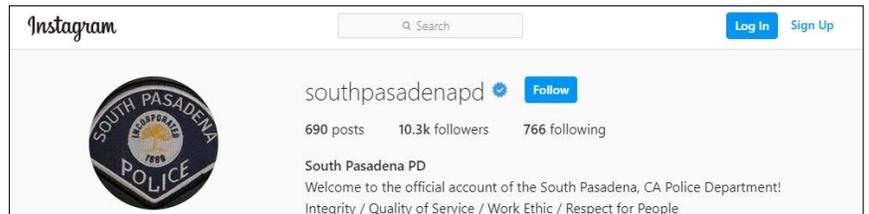
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1,290 Tweets

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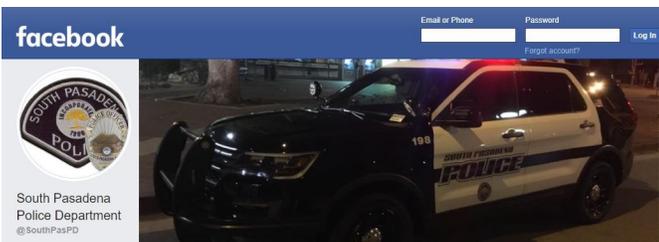
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SPPD in the Community



Police Assistant Bayron Salguero

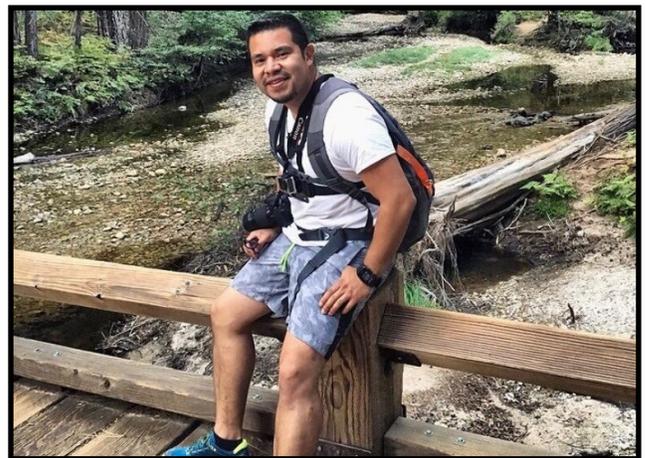
End of Watch - January 16, 2021



The Police Department was not immune from the effects of COVID. On January 16, 2021, 30-year-old Police Assistant Bayron Salguero passed away from complications related to COVID-19.

Bayron was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hiking and trying new restaurants. He was hired in 2019 as a police assistant. While only with the Department for a short time, Police Assistant Salguero made a lasting impact with his fellow co-workers. He was a fast learner and highly professional in all that he did.

Police Assistant Salguero will be sorely missed by all. Police Assistant Salguero is survived by his parents and two sisters.



In Memory



Ray Rogers
Police Officer
EOW
April 15, 1944



Kevin Sandoval
Police Officer
EOW
June 14, 2011



Bayron Salguero
Police Assistant
EOW
January 16, 2021

To honor our fallen officers, each year the South Pasadena Police Officers' Association awards a memorial scholarship in the names of Officers Kevin Sandoval, Ray Rogers and Police Assistant Bayron Salguero to deserving South Pasadena High School Seniors.



On November 3, 2020, South Pasadena Police Officers joined recruits from Rio Hondo Police Academy Class 210 in their "Pride Run" to honor a fallen officer. The honorary officer selected was South Pasadena Police Officer Kevin Sandoval.

Service Pins



Service Pins are awarded to city employees in recognition and appreciation for their dedicated service to the City. The Service Pins are awarded for every five years of service. The pins are engraved with the employee's milestone anniversary date and a corresponding gemstone.

In 2020 and 2021, the following employees were recognized for their years off dedicated service:



Esther Delinko
40 Years



Tony Abdalla
30 Years



Matthew Ronnie
30 Years



Robert Bartl
30 Years



Shannon Robledo
25 Years



Daren Wong
25 Years



Richard Lee
25 Years



Spencer Louie
15 Years



Gilbert Carrillo
5 Years



Elias Giron-Garrido
5 Years



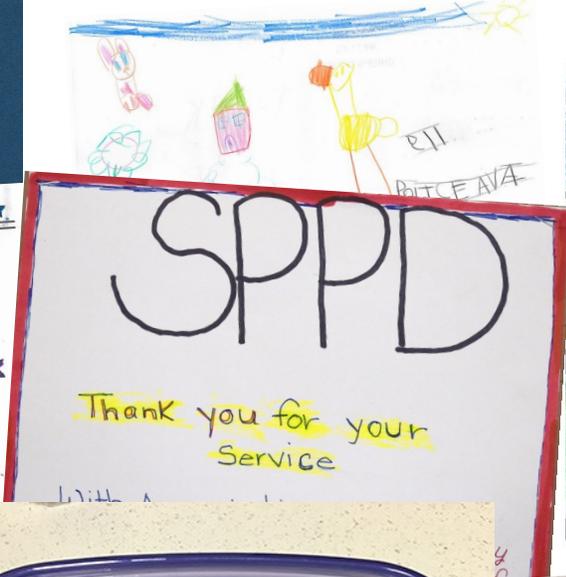
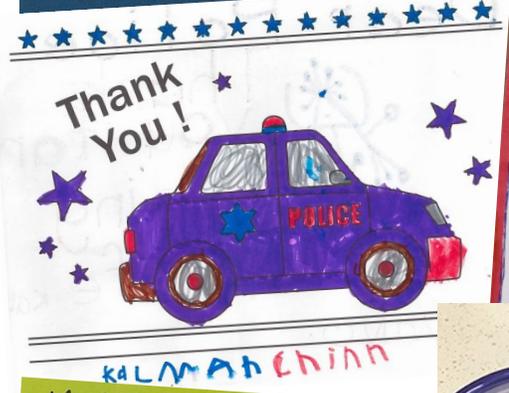
Patrick Zamora
5 Years



Jose Ramirez
5 Years

Community Appreciation

THANK YOU



Thank You
for your
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TO: SPPD //
We appreciate you all
greatly! Thank you for all you do.



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FOR KEEPING
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CATCHING BAD
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Thank you for all
the work you are doing
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Dear Police officers,
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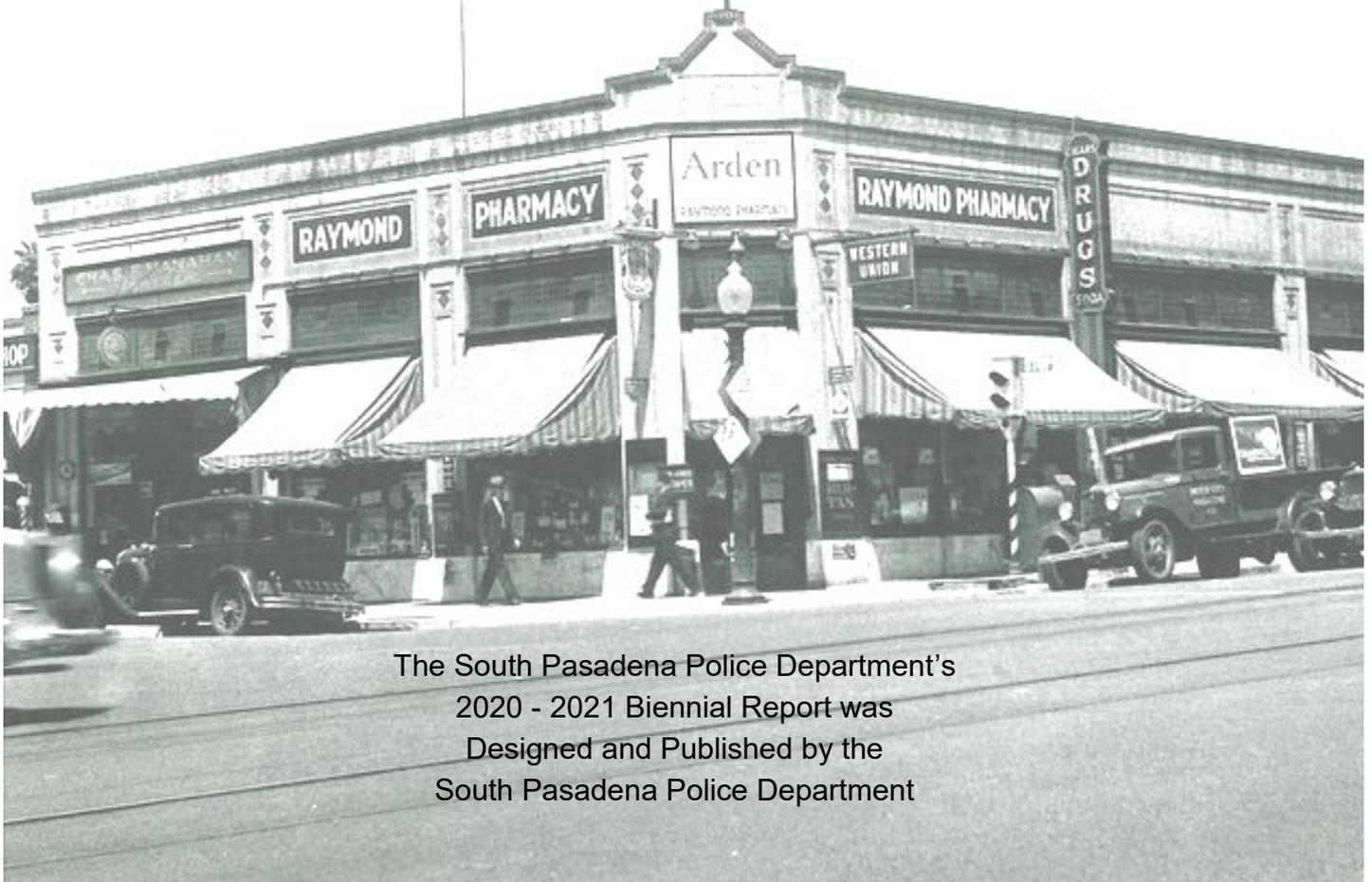
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